

## House Resolution 52 - Introduced

### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 52

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1 A Resolution calling for the curtailment and assessment  
2 of air quality regulation by the United States  
3 environmental protection agency.

4 WHEREAS, the United States environmental protection  
5 agency (EPA) has proposed or is proposing numerous  
6 new air quality regulations that have had and will  
7 potentially have an enormous negative effect on this  
8 state's residential, commercial, and industrial energy  
9 consumers by increasing rates; and

10 WHEREAS, the EPA's regulatory activity regarding  
11 air quality and greenhouse gases has been referred  
12 to as a "train wreck" because of the numerous and  
13 overlapping requirements, the uncertainty created by  
14 the continual demand to upgrade or comply with a new  
15 set of regulations, and the potentially devastating  
16 consequences this regulatory activity may have on the  
17 economy of this state; and

18 WHEREAS, the EPA has not undertaken any  
19 comprehensive study of the cumulative effects of  
20 this new regulatory activity on the economy, jobs,  
21 and competitiveness of the United States; nor has it  
22 performed any comprehensive study of the prospective  
23 environmental benefits of its greenhouse gas regulation  
24 in terms of the impact on global climate change; and

25 WHEREAS, having identified taking action on climate  
26 change and improving air quality as its first strategic  
27 goal for the 2011-2015 time period, the EPA should be  
28 required to identify the specific actions it intends

1 to take to achieve these goals and to assess the total  
2 cost of the actions required to achieve them; and

3 WHEREAS, the General Assembly of the State of Iowa  
4 supports continuing improvements in the quality of the  
5 nation's air and believes that such improvements can be  
6 made in a sensible fashion without damaging the economy  
7 so long as there is a full understanding of the cost of  
8 the regulations at issue; and

9 WHEREAS, the regulations under consideration could  
10 pose significant compliance challenges for the electric  
11 power sector, both with respect to economic burden and  
12 the feasibility of implementation by the contemplated  
13 deadlines; NOW THEREFORE,

14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, That  
15 the House of Representatives supports the imposition  
16 of a moratorium on enforcement of rules regulating  
17 greenhouse gas emissions for a period of at least two  
18 years, and a moratorium on enforcement of existing or  
19 proposed rules regulating air quality for at least  
20 two years, except air quality regulation which the  
21 EPA can document by a preponderance of evidence will  
22 result in an imminent or irreversible threat to public  
23 health or the environment if subject to a delay in  
24 implementation; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of  
26 Representatives supports requiring the EPA to undertake  
27 a study, drawing on the expertise of both the EPA and  
28 federal agencies and departments possessing expertise  
29 in and responsibility for the United States economy  
30 and electric utility generation and regulation,

1 to identify all regulatory activity that the EPA  
2 intends to undertake in furtherance of its goal of  
3 taking action on climate change and improving air  
4 quality. The study should specify the cumulative  
5 effects of these regulations on the economy, jobs, and  
6 competitiveness of the United States, and provide an  
7 objective cost-benefit analysis of the EPA's current  
8 and anticipated air quality regulation; and  
9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this  
10 resolution be sent to the members of Iowa's  
11 congressional delegation.